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Additional Biodiversity Information

**Introduction**

Vivo Defence (Accommodation) works solely for Defence Infrastructure Organisation (MOD).

We are responsible for the maintenance and the upgrading of circa 27,000 service family houses in the South East and South West.

**Proposed Project**

This capital project which the above application relates, is for the installation of external wall insulation to 28 service family homes, to improve the thermal performance of these buildings.

**Capital Projects for year 2023/24**

For applicable\* capital projects within this year we have commissioned ecologists to carry out survey’s to in excess of 4000 houses. As the survey season is May – October, these surveys are currently being carried out.

A door and window replacement project would generally not be \*applicable for an ecology survey.

**Project Progression**

These capital projects are progressed in the following order,

1. Scoping
2. Tender document production
3. Planning application (where applicable) / tendering
4. Contract award / planning approval
5. Receipt of ecology report
6. Receipt of Natural England licence (if applicable)
7. Project commencement

Items 3 – 6 may vary in order but the project will not commence they are all in place.

**Biodiversity Enhancements**

In addition to the requirements laid out within the project ecology report the following enhancements are included within all external wall insulation project scopes.

1. Installation of bat boxes
2. Installation of swift boxes
3. Installation of ‘hedgehog highways’ within new garden fences at the party line
4. Installation of bee bricks